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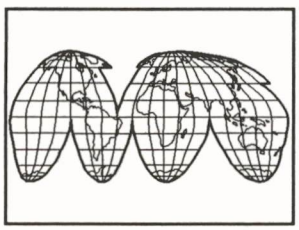
The Travel Report

The positive feedback I received from you in Concordia on my first newsletter was extremely rewarding. My main objectives are to be as helpful as possible to the University community as well as obtain substantial savings on travel related matter with a little help and cooperation from you.



Now that most of us are back from vacations and have settled into a regular daily pattern, I would like to tell you about some of the events on travel that have been going on in the past month.

Questionnaire

Enclosed you will find a questionnaire pertaining to the travel agencies some of us may or may not be using. As you are aware, our recommended travel agents will be completing their term and, therefore, I am asking your help in the task of choosing the same and/or different travel agencies. Your replies will help me decide if Concordia should renew their agreements with all of them or select new agencies. Also, this is your opportunity to recommend any travel agents that you personally deal with other than our three recommended agencies. My task in choosing travel agencies will be done over the next few months, so please return the questionnaire as quickly as possible.

Toronto Tickets -

Business or Pleasure

With the Persian Gulf crisis, we are faced with a major dilemma; the possibility of fuel shortage. This crisis has created many fare increases in the past month for a full economy fare. For example, a round trip ticket to Toronto which was priced at $241.60 at the end of August, will now cost you on an average 424.20 . The good news is that you can still obtain a refundable round trip ticket for only $315.00. All you have to do is call me when you are sure of your departure date so that I may reserve your seat. There are only a few tickets available so hurry and save!

Hotels

If you are ever in the Toronto area, I am pleased to announce that I have obtained discounts from 2 hotels for Concordia University. The first one is the Skyline Hotel near the airport with a rate of $69.00 per night for single/double occupancy. The second hotel, located in the heart of Toronto, is the Delta Chelsea Inn giving us the government rate of $71.00 per night instead of $99.00 per night. (Remember you must ask for the government rate!) At this point, I'm still working on a list with more hotels other than the Toronto area, so keep reading my newsletter for more exciting news on this subject.

Budget Rent-a-Car

Imagine for a moment you are going to a conference and you need a car once you arrive at the airport. You are confronted with a dilemma of searching for the best deal on a rented car. Please rest assured that the situation should not happen to Concordia employees since I'm starting discussions with Budget Rent-a-Car respresentatives who handle car rentals across Canada, United States, and Europe. In my next Travel Report I will tell you how you can obtain ski passes for free when you rent a car through Budget in the winter months.

Wrap-Up

Remember this newsletter is for you and only you can make a difference on cost and service. Also, please do not forget to fill in and return the questionnaire. I want and need your input as soon as possible. Always remember that I'm only a phone call away (local 4921).

Keep in touch by watching out for my November issue. Enjoy your long weekend by having a safe and happy Thanksgiving! ■